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TAGS: ENRG

SUBJECT: PM WILSON SUGGESTS UK MAY JOIN OPEC

1. FOR THE RECORD WE REPORT A PASSAGE IN PRIME MINISTER WILSON'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN KINGSTON MAY 2, TEXT OF WHICH WAS RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE:

BEGIN QUOTE:

Q.11. PRIME MINISTER, IF YOUR SIX POINT PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED, APART FROM REDUCING FLUCTUATION WHAT WOULD BE THE LONG TERM IMPACT ON COMMODITIES LIKE SUGAR AND OIL.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO PREDICT AT THIS POINT?

A. I WASN'T DEALING SO MUCH WITH OIL AND WE HAVE A FEW OIL PRODUCERS THERE. THE MAIN OIL PRODUCER IN THE COMMONWEALTH IN A FEW YEARS TIME WILL BE BRITAIN OF COURSE. WE SHALL BE MEMBERS OF OPEC. BUT I WAS DEALING PRINCIPALLY WITH COMMODITIES. END QUOTE.

REMAINDER OF LONG REPLY WAS DEVOTED TO COMMODITIES.

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2. ENERGY DEPT. FCO TELLS US THIS IS NOT FIRST TIME PM

HAS REFERRED PUBLICLY TO POSSIBILITY OF BRITISH MEMBERSHIP IN OPEC, BUT NOTES THAT PM REFERRED TO BRITAIN AS "PRODUCER" NOT "EXPORTER." FCO CONCLUDES THAT IN SPITE OF OCCASIONAL "TENDENCY OF PM TO TALK IN THESE TERMS" BRITAIN IS NOT CONTEMPLATING APPLICATION FOR OPEC MEMBERSHIP, AND IS UNDER NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT TREATMENT SUCH APPLICATION WOULD RECEIVE.

3. FCO SAYS REFERENCE APPARENTLY NOT PICKED UP BY PRESS.

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